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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7252

BILL NUMBER: HB 1517

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 1, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Income Derived from Wrongful Acts.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Bell

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
☐ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill broadens the definition of "responsible party" so as to require a person who is found liable in a civil proceeding for having committed an act punishable as a felony and who directly or indirectly profits from the act to transfer 90% of the income or proceeds to the Victim Services Division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: *Summary* - This bill is estimated to result in an indeterminable but likely minimal increase in revenue to the state General Fund and the Violent Crimes Victim Compensation Fund. Revenue increases would depend on the chance circumstance that sensational crimes will be committed and for which any media would pay for access to the responsible party.

Background – Under current law, a person who has been formally charged with or convicted of a felony could be paid for publications, interviews, and speaking engagements about their participation in the crime. If this person, referred to as the "responsible party" receives any income from broadcast media for these activities, the person or company paying the responsible party for the interview would be required to deposit 90% of the money that was to be paid to the responsible party in an escrow account established by the Criminal Justice Institute.

Money from the account could be paid to the victim or the heirs of a deceased victim. Any remaining money in the account could be used to compensate the local or state entities that incarcerated the responsible party.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Criminal Justice Institute.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Indiana Code

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